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## GOV. EASLEY SIGNS THREE BILLS INTO LAW

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley announced today he has signed the following three bills into law:

**Senate Bill 1875**, "An act to recodify the State Auditor's Hotline authority, to clarify the authority of the State Ethics Commission with regards to referrals from the State Auditor, and to make other conforming changes." The bill was sponsored by Sen. Daniel Clodfelter (D-Mecklenburg). The law becomes effective upon the governor's signature.

"This bill ensures that the State Auditor's hotline remains open and the Auditor's authority to investigate and deal with waste, abuse or mismanagement of state resources is not diminished," said Easley. "Furthermore, the bill requires the Auditor's office and the Ethics Commission to communicate with each other on matters of mutual interest."

**House Bill 2542**, "An act to make clarifying changes to the State Government Ethics Act and the lobbying laws and to make other conforming changes." The bill was sponsored by Reps. Rick Glazier (D-Cumberland), Paul Stam (R-Wake), Edith Warren (D-Pitt) and Laura Wiley (R-Guilford). The law becomes effective upon the governor's signature.

**House Bill 274**, "An act to create additional offenses, penalties, and criminal procedure for persons involved in street gang activity and to be entitled the "North Carolina Street Gang Suppression act." The bill was sponsored by Reps. Henry Michaux (D-Durham), Phillip Frye (R-Mitchell), and Becky Carney (D-Mecklenburg). The law becomes effective Dec. 1, 2008.

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